(d) if not, the reasons for which Government did not send a Cabinet Minister to USSR so that he could have met the Foreign Minister, Prime Minister and President of USSR and conveyed to them first hand information directly ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Government have apprised a member of countries about Pakistan's assistance to subversion and terrorism directed against India and its interference in our internal affairs, in clear violation of the letter and spirit of the Simla Agreement.

(b) Foreign Secretary visited Moscow from 26th to 28th January, 1990.

(c) Foreign Secretary met the Soviet Foreign Minister.

(d) Government have been in touch with the Soviet Government to work out early, mutually convenient dates for the visit of the External Affairs Minister to the USSR.

Presidential assent to Azamabad Industrial area (termination and regulation of lease) bill from Andhra Pradesh

1935. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Bill from the Government of Andhra Pradesh is pending with the Central Government for President's assent regarding Azamabad Industrial Area (Termination and Regulation of Lease); if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any objections to the Bill; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Azamabad Industrial Area (Termination and Regulation of Leases) Bill, 1989 has been received for assent of the President. The Bill is engaging the attention of the Government of India.

Representations for relaxation of restrictions on tourist visits in N.E. region

1936. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from certain State Governments of N.E. Region with regard to relaxation of the restrictions on the tourist visits;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) to (c) Some proposals were received from certain State Governments of the N.E. Region in this regard. After careful consideration, some more areas have been opened for foreign tourists in Assam and Meghalaya. These are: Sibsagar and Jatinga Bird Sanctuary in Assam and Barapani and Cherapunji in Meghalaya. The duration of visit to the places of tourist interest by foreigners in Assam, Meghalaya and Manipur has also been increased. Various authorities like India Missions and Posts abroad, State Government Officials etc. have also been authorised to issue permits to the *bonafide* foreign tourists.